

MADONNA OF THE PERFECTIONS

lives by a list
is over extended
feels no one quite
appreciates her

feels ragged resentful
can't be intimate
doesn't have fun
gives and gives

feels she can't
decide what she
wants to do
fucks on demand

talks 3 hours a
day every day the
last 17 years
to her mother who

twice that many
years has told
her she's never
done the dishes

right

TRASH WHITE MADONNA

is a very
common shade
of white

ROAD RUNNER MADONNA

bolts for
snakes and lizards,

scorpions her
claws make the

sign of the
cross in sand

SALAMANDER MADONNA

needs a pool
that dries up
so the eggs
she lays
won't be eaten

some years
nothing she
deposits
amounts
to much

GECKO MADONNA

can hang on
to what you'd
never think
she could

WORRY MADONNA

has elephants
for luck,
worry beads,
is sure when
the phone rings
it's disaster
she won't
start a trip
on a Friday,
esp the 13th,
avoids onyx,
cats, ladders,
has seven 4-
leaf clovers,
still takes
her temper-
ature on the
hour sure
she's got
whatever she
most wanted
not to